

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 3, 2014

RE: H.C.R. No. 247

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International  
Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.C.R. No.  
247 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS AND THE UNITED  
STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE  
DEFINITION OF "ATOMIC VETERANS" THE VETERANS INVOLVED IN THE  
CLEANUP OF THE UNITED STATES NUCLEAR TEST SITE ON LOJWA  
ISLAND FROM 1977 TO 1980 MAKING THEM ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE  
COMPENSATION AND HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FROM THE UNITED STATES  
GOVERNMENT, "

begs leave to report as follows:

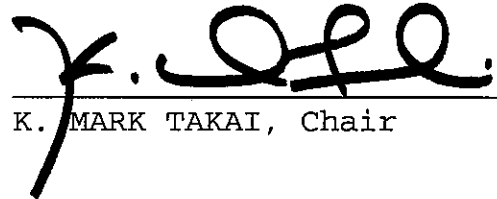
The purpose of this measure is to assist veterans who  
participated in radiation-risk activities during active service  
and were involved in the cleanup of the United States nuclear test  
site on Lojwa Island in the northern half of the Enewetak Atoll  
from 1977 to 1980, by urging the United States Congress and the  
United States Department of Veterans Affairs to include these  
veterans within the definition of "Atomic Veteran", thereby making  
them eligible to receive compensation and health care benefits  
from the United States government.

The Advisory Board to the Office of Veterans' Services  
testified in support of this measure.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 247 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Veterans,  
Military, & International  
Affairs, & Culture and the  
Arts,

  
K. MARK TAKAI, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

HSCR 1430-14

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HCR 247</b>	Committee Referral: <b>VMI</b>	Date: <b>4/2/14</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
VMI Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAI, K. Mark (C)	✓			
2. ITO, Ken (VC)	✓			
3. AWANA, Karen	✓			
4. BROWER, Tom				✓
5. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
6. CHOY, Isaac W.				✓
7. OHNO, Takashi				✓
8. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
9. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
10. MCDERMOTT, Bob				✓
11. WOOLEY, Jessica				✓
TOTAL (11)	6			5
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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